

REIMBURSABLE SPACE ACT AGREEMENT SAA1-35070  
BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER  
AND  
VARDA SPACE INDUSTRIES  
FOR  
EDL ANALYSIS SUPPORT.

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY AND PARTIES

In accordance with the National Aeronautics and Space Act (51 U.S.C. § 20113(e)), this Agreement is entered into by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Langley Research Center, located at Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681 (hereinafter referred to as "NASA" or "NASA LaRC") and Varda Space Industries located at 433 Alaska Avenue, Torrance, CA 90503-3901 (hereinafter referred to as "Partner" or "Varda Space Industries"). NASA and Partner may be individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

In support of NASA's strategic objective 3.1: Develop and transfer revolutionary technologies to enable exploration capabilities for NASA and the Nation, NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) will apply Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL) expertise to support Partner efforts to develop a flight vehicle. NASA LaRC will provide aerodynamic databases and conduct high-fidelity trajectory simulations and statistical trajectory dispersions for low earth orbit (LEO) re-entry, based partly on a Mars Microprobe entry vehicle configuration. In addition, NASA LaRC will provide consultation to Partner on use of other possible LEO entry vehicle configurations, Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) landing site surface characteristics, and parachute design and analysis for re-entry capsules.

ARTICLE 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. NASA LaRC will use reasonable efforts to:

1. Provide consultation on use of entry vehicle configurations for LEO re-entry trajectories, UTTR landing site surface characteristics, and parachute design and analysis for re-entry capsules.
2. Develop an initial aerodynamic database for the Partner flight vehicle based on a Mars Microprobe entry vehicle configuration.
3. Develop a detailed aerodynamic database for the Partner flight vehicle based on Partner-provided trajectory input deck information.
4. Conduct 6 degrees of freedom (6-DoF) trajectory simulations and trajectory dispersion analysis for de-orbit of Partner re-entry capsule.
5. Provide specific independent verification and validation (IV&V) performance assessments (e.g., graphs, landing footprints, etc.), based on results from flight mechanics simulations, needed to validate Partner analyses for satisfaction of FAA license requirements.

B. Partner will use reasonable efforts to:

1. Provide advance reimbursement in the amount of \$94,896 for NASA LaRC to carry out its responsibilities under this Agreement.
2. Provide input deck information required for NASA LaRC trajectory computations (e.g., ConOps, initial trajectory states, mass properties, estimates of center of gravity (CG) uncertainties, etc.).
3. Provide information on IV&V assessments needed to satisfy FAA license requirements.
4. Provide flight measurement data obtained during first flight use case (currently scheduled for Q2 of FY23).

#### ARTICLE 4. SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES

The planned major milestones for the activities defined in the "Responsibilities" Article are as follows:

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| 1. Partner shall provide advance reimbursement in the amount of \$94,896.  | Within two (2) weeks following Effective Date of Agreement                              |
| 2. NASA LaRC will provide Partner an initial aerodynamic database, based on Mars Microprobe configuration.               | Within two (2) weeks following Milestone 1  |
| 3. Partner shall provide NASA LaRC the input information required for trajectory and aerosciences computations.          | Within two (2) weeks following Milestone 1  |
| 4. NASA LaRC will provide Partner a detailed aerodynamic database, based on the Partner-provided inputs.                 | Within two (2) months following Milestone 3   |
| 5. NASA LaRC will conduct 6-DoF trajectory simulations and dispersion analysis for de-orbit of Partner re-entry capsule. | Within two (2) months following Milestone 4   |
| 6. Partner shall provide NASA LaRC information on IV&V assessments needed to satisfy FAA license requirements.           | Within three (3) months following Milestone 5   |
| 7. NASA LaRC will provide Partner the specific performance assessments needed to validate its analyses.                  | Within one (1) week following Milestone 6   |
| 8. Partner shall provide flight measurement data obtained during first flight use case to NASA LaRC.                     | Within three (3) months following first flight use (currently scheduled for Q2 of FY23) |

## ARTICLE 5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

A. Partner agrees to reimburse NASA an estimated cost of \$94,896 for NASA to carry out its responsibilities under this Agreement. In no event will NASA transfer any U.S. Government funds to Partner under this Agreement. Payment must be made by Partner in advance of initiation of NASA's efforts on behalf of the Partner.

B. Payment shall be payable to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration through the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) (choose one form of payment):

(1) U.S. Treasury FEDWIRE Deposit System, Federal Reserve Wire Network Deposit System;

(2) pay.gov at [www.nssc.nasa.gov/customerservice](http://www.nssc.nasa.gov/customerservice) (select "Pay NASA" from the Quick Links to right) of the page) or <https://paygov.nssc.nasa.gov/> and select the appropriate NASA Center for the agreement from the drop down; or

(3) check. A check should be payable to NASA and sent to:

NASA Shared Services Center  
FMD – Accounts Receivable For the Accounts of: Langley Research Center  
Building 1111,  
Jerry Hlass Rd.,  
Stennis Space Center, MS 39529

Payment by electronic transfer (#1 or #2, above), is strongly encouraged, and payment by check is to be used only if circumstances preclude the use of electronic transfer. All payments and other communications regarding this Agreement shall reference the Center name, title, date, and number of this Agreement.

C. NASA will not provide services or incur costs beyond the existing payment. Although NASA has made a good faith effort to accurately estimate its costs, it is understood that NASA provides no assurance that the proposed effort under this Agreement will be accomplished for the above estimated amount. Should the effort cost more than the estimate, Partner will be advised by NASA as soon as possible. Partner shall pay all costs incurred and has the option of canceling the remaining effort, or providing additional funding in order to continue the proposed effort under the revised estimate. Should this Agreement be terminated, or the effort completed at a cost less than the agreed-to estimated cost, NASA shall account for any unspent funds within one (1) year after completion of all effort under this Agreement, and promptly thereafter return any unspent funds to Partner. Return of unspent funds will be processed via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) in accordance with 31 C.F.R. Part 208 and, upon request by NASA, Partner agrees to complete the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form (SF 3881).

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, all activities under or pursuant to this Agreement are subject to the availability of funds, and no provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, (31 U.S.C. § 1341).

## ARTICLE 6. PRIORITY OF USE

Any schedule or milestone in this Agreement is estimated based upon the Parties' current understanding of the projected availability of NASA goods, services, facilities, or equipment. In the event that NASA's projected availability changes, Partner shall be given reasonable notice of that change, so that the schedule and milestones may be adjusted accordingly. The Parties agree that NASA's use of the goods, services, facilities, or equipment shall have priority over the use planned in this Agreement. Should a conflict arise, NASA in its sole discretion shall determine whether to exercise that priority. Likewise, should a conflict arise as between two (2) or more non-NASA Partners, NASA, in its sole discretion, shall determine the priority as between those Partners. This Agreement does not obligate NASA to seek alternative government property or services under the jurisdiction of NASA at other locations.

## ARTICLE 7. NONEXCLUSIVITY

This Agreement is not exclusive; accordingly, NASA may enter into similar agreements for the same or similar purpose with other private or public entities.

## ARTICLE 8. LIABILITY AND RISK OF LOSS

A. Partner hereby waives any claims against NASA or one or more of its Related Entities for any injury to, or death of, Partner or one or more of its Related Entities, or for damage to, or loss of, Partner's property or the property of its Related Entities, arising from or related to activities conducted under this Agreement, whether such injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise, except in the case of willful misconduct. For purposes of this Agreement, "Related Entities" shall mean contractors and subcontractors of a Party at any tier; grantees, investigators, customers, and users of a Party at any tier and their contractors or subcontractor at any tier; or, employees of the Party or any of the foregoing.

B. Partner further agrees to extend this unilateral waiver to its related entities by requiring them, by contract or otherwise, to waive all claims against NASA and its Related Entities for injury, death, damage, or loss arising from or related to activities conducted under this Agreement. In the event the U.S. Government incurs any liability based upon Partner's failure to provide for the waiver by Partner's Related Entities set out above, Partner agrees to indemnify and hold the U.S. Government harmless against such liability, including costs and expenses incurred by the U.S. Government in defending against any suit or claim for liability by Partner's Related Entities.

C. In the event U.S. Government property is damaged as a result of activities conducted under this Agreement for the primary benefit of Partner, except in the case of willful misconduct by NASA, Partner shall be solely responsible for the repair and restoration of such property subject to NASA direction.

D. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article, the waiver of liability set forth in this section shall not be applicable to:

i. Claims between Partner and its own Related Entity or between its own Related Entities;

- ii. Claims made by a natural person, his/her estate, survivors, or anyone claiming by or through him/her (except when such person or entity is a Party to this Agreement or is otherwise bound by the terms of this waiver) for bodily injury to, or other impairment of health of, or death of, such person;
- iii. Claims for damage caused by willful misconduct;
- iv. Intellectual property claims;
- v. Claims for damage resulting from a failure of Partner to extend the waiver of liability to its Related Entities, pursuant to paragraph B of this Article; or
- vi. Claims by Partner arising out of or relating to NASA's failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - DATA RIGHTS

### A. General

1. "Related Entity" as used in this Data Rights Article means a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or other entity having a legal relationship with NASA or Partner that is assigned, tasked, or contracted to perform activities under this Agreement.
2. "Data" means recorded information, regardless of form, the media on which it is recorded, or the method of recording.
3. "Proprietary Data" means Data embodying trade secrets developed at private expense or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, and that includes a restrictive notice, unless the Data is:
  - a. known or available from other sources without restriction;
  - b. known, possessed, or developed independently, and without reference to the Proprietary Data;
  - c. made available by the owners to others without restriction; or
  - d. required by law or court order to be disclosed.
4. Data exchanged under this Agreement is exchanged without restriction except as otherwise provided herein.
5. Notwithstanding any restrictions provided in this Article, the Parties are not restricted in the use, disclosure, or reproduction of Data provided under this Agreement that meets one of the exceptions in 3., above. If a Party believes that any exceptions apply, it shall notify the other Party before any unrestricted use, disclosure, or reproduction of the Data.
6. The Parties will not exchange preexisting Proprietary Data under this Agreement unless authorized herein or in writing by the owner.
7. If the Parties exchange Data having a notice that the Receiving Party deems is ambiguous or unauthorized, the Receiving Party shall tell the Providing Party. If the notice indicates a restriction, the Receiving Party shall protect the Data under this Article unless otherwise directed in writing by the Providing Party.
8. The Data rights herein apply to the employees and Related Entities of Partner. Partner shall ensure that its employees and Related Entity employees know about and are bound by the obligations under this Article.
9. Disclaimer of Liability: NASA is not restricted in, or liable for, the use, disclosure, or reproduction of Data without a restrictive notice or for Data Partner gives, or is required to give, the U.S. Government without restriction.
10. Partner may use the following or a similar restrictive notice:

### **Proprietary Data Notice**

**The data herein include Proprietary Data and are restricted under the Data Rights provisions of Space Act Agreement, SAA1-35070.**

Partner should also mark each page containing Proprietary Data with the following or a similar legend: "Proprietary Data – Use And Disclose Only Under the Notice on the Title or Cover Page."

**B. Data First Produced by Partner Under this Agreement**

If Data first produced by Partner or its Related Entities under this Agreement is given to NASA, and the Data is Proprietary Data, and it includes a restrictive notice, NASA will use reasonable efforts to protect it. The Data will be disclosed and used (under suitable protective conditions) only for U.S. Government purposes.

**C. Data First Produced by NASA Under this Agreement**

If Partner requests that Data first produced by NASA under this Agreement be protected, and NASA determines it would be Proprietary Data if obtained from Partner, NASA will mark it with a restrictive notice and use reasonable efforts to protect it for one (1) year after its development. During this restricted period the Data may be disclosed and used (under suitable protective conditions) for U.S. Government purposes only, and thereafter for any purpose. Partner must not disclose the Data without NASA's written approval during the restricted period. The restrictions placed on NASA do not apply to Data disclosing a NASA owned invention for which patent protection is being considered.

**D. Publication of Results**

The National Aeronautics and Space Act (51 U.S.C. § 20112) requires NASA to provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and the results thereof. As such, NASA may publish unclassified and non-Proprietary Data resulting from work performed under this Agreement. The Parties will coordinate publication of results allowing a reasonable time to review and comment.

**E. Data Disclosing an Invention**

If the Parties exchange Data disclosing an invention for which patent protection is being considered, and the furnishing Party identifies the Data as such when providing it to the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party shall withhold it from public disclosure for a reasonable time (one (1) year unless otherwise agreed or the Data is restricted for a longer period herein).

**F. Copyright**

Data exchanged with a copyright notice and with no restrictive notice is presumed to be published. The following royalty-free licenses apply:

1. If indicated on the Data that it was produced outside of this Agreement, it may be reproduced, distributed, and used to prepare derivative works only for carrying out the Receiving Party's responsibilities under this Agreement.

2. Data without the indication of F.1. is presumed to be first produced under this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph E. of this Article, and in the Invention and Patent Rights Article of this Agreement for protection of reported inventions, the Data may be reproduced, distributed, and used to prepare derivative works for any purpose.

#### G. Data Subject to Export Control

Whether or not marked, technical data subject to the export laws and regulations of the United States provided to Partner under this Agreement must not be given to foreign persons or transmitted outside the United States without proper U.S. Government authorization.

#### H. Handling of Background, Third Party Proprietary, and Controlled Government Data

1. NASA or Partner (as Disclosing Party) may provide the other Party or its Related Entities (as Receiving Party):

- a. Proprietary Data developed at Disclosing Party's expense outside of this Agreement (referred to as Background Data);
- b. Proprietary Data of third parties that Disclosing Party has agreed to protect or is required to protect under the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. § 1905) (referred to as Third Party Proprietary Data); and
- c. U.S. Government Data, including software and related Data, Disclosing Party intends to control (referred to as Controlled Government Data).

2. All Background, Third Party Proprietary and Controlled Government Data provided by Disclosing Party to Receiving Party shall be marked by Disclosing Party with a restrictive notice and protected by Receiving Party in accordance with this Article.

3. Disclosing Party provides the following Data to Receiving Party. The lists below may not be comprehensive, are subject to change, and do not supersede any restrictive notice on the Data.

a. Background Data:

The Disclosing Party's Background Data, if any, will be identified in a separate technical document.

b. Third Party Proprietary Data:

The Disclosing Party's Third Party Proprietary Data, if any, will be identified in a separate technical document.

c. Controlled Government Data:

The Disclosing Party's Controlled Government Data, if any, will be identified in a separate technical document.

d. Notwithstanding H.4., NASA software and related Data will be provided to Partner under a separate Software Usage Agreement (SUA). Partner shall use and protect the related Data in accordance with this Article. Unless the SUA authorizes retention, or Partner enters into a license under 37 C.F.R. Part 404, the related Data shall be disposed of as NASA directs:

None

4. For such Data identified with a restrictive notice pursuant to H.2. including such Data identified pursuant to this Article, Receiving Party shall:

- a. Use, disclose, or reproduce such Data only as necessary under this Agreement;
- b. Safeguard such Data from unauthorized use and disclosure;
- c. Allow access to such Data only to its employees and any Related Entity requiring access under this Agreement;

- d. Except as otherwise indicated in 4.c., preclude disclosure outside Receiving Party's organization;
- e. Notify its employees with access about their obligations under this Article and ensure their compliance, and notify any Related Entity with access about their obligations under this Article; and
- f. Dispose of such Data as Disclosing Party directs.

#### I. Oral and visual information

If Partner discloses Proprietary Data orally or visually, NASA will have no duty to restrict, or liability for disclosure or use, unless Partner:

1. Orally informs NASA before initial disclosure that the Data is Proprietary Data, and
2. Reduces the Data to tangible form with a restrictive notice and gives it to NASA within ten (10) calendar days after disclosure.

### ARTICLE 10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - INVENTION AND PATENT RIGHTS

A. "Related Entity" as used in this Invention and Patent Rights Article means a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or other entity having a legal relationship with NASA or Partner assigned, tasked, or contracted with to perform activities under this Agreement.

B. The invention and patent rights herein apply to employees and Related Entities of Partner. Partner shall ensure that its employees and Related Entity employees know about and are bound by the obligations under this Article.

C. NASA has determined that 51 U.S.C. § 20135(b) does not apply to this Agreement. Therefore, title to inventions made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under this Agreement remain with the respective inventing party(ies). No invention or patent rights are exchanged or granted under this Agreement. NASA and Partner will use reasonable efforts to report inventions made jointly by their employees (including employees of their Related Entities). The Parties will consult and agree on the responsibilities and actions to establish and maintain patent protection for joint invention, and on the terms and conditions of any license or other rights exchanged or granted between them.

### ARTICLE 11. USE OF NASA NAME AND NASA EMBLEMS

#### A. NASA Name and Initials

Partner shall not use "National Aeronautics and Space Administration" or "NASA" in a way that creates the impression that a product or service has the authorization, support, sponsorship, or endorsement of NASA, which does not, in fact, exist. Except for releases under the "Release of General Information to the Public and Media" Article, Partner must submit any proposed public use of the NASA name or initials (including press releases and all promotional and advertising use) to the NASA Associate Administrator for the Office of Communications or designee ("NASA Communications") for review and approval. Approval by NASA Office of Communications shall be based on applicable law and policy governing the use of the NASA name and initials.

## B. NASA Emblems

Use of NASA emblems (i.e., NASA Seal, NASA Insignia, NASA logotype, NASA Program Identifiers, and the NASA Flag) is governed by 14 C.F.R. Part 1221. Partner must submit any proposed use of the emblems to NASA Communications for review and approval.

### ARTICLE 12. RELEASE OF GENERAL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA

NASA or Partner may, consistent with Federal law and this Agreement, release general information regarding its own participation in this Agreement as desired.

Pursuant to Section 841(d) of the NASA Transition Authorization Act of 2017, Public Law 115-10 (the "NTAA"), NASA is obligated to publicly disclose copies of all agreements conducted pursuant to NASA's 51 U.S.C. §20113(e) authority in a searchable format on the NASA website within 60 days after the agreement is signed by the Parties. The Parties acknowledge that a copy of this Agreement will be disclosed, without redactions, in accordance with the NTAA.

### ARTICLE 13. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY

Goods, services, facilities, or equipment provided by NASA under this Agreement are provided "as is." NASA makes no express or implied warranty as to the condition of any such goods, services, facilities, or equipment, or as to the condition of any research or information generated under this Agreement, or as to any products made or developed under or as a result of this Agreement including as a result of the use of information generated hereunder, or as to the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of such research, information, or resulting product, or that the goods, services, facilities or equipment provided will accomplish the intended results or are safe for any purpose including the intended purpose, or that any of the above will not interfere with privately-owned rights of others. Neither the government nor its contractors shall be liable for special, consequential or incidental damages attributed to such equipment, facilities, technical information, or services provided under this Agreement or such research, information, or resulting products made or developed under or as a result of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 14. DISCLAIMER OF ENDORSEMENT

NASA does not endorse or sponsor any commercial product, service, or activity. NASA's participation in this Agreement or provision of goods, services, facilities or equipment under this Agreement does not constitute endorsement by NASA. Partner agrees that nothing in this Agreement will be construed to imply that NASA authorizes, supports, endorses, or sponsors any product or service of Partner resulting from activities conducted under this Agreement, regardless of the fact that such product or service may employ NASA-developed technology.

### ARTICLE 15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, safety; security; export control; environmental; and suspension and debarment laws and

regulations. Access by a Partner to NASA facilities or property, or to a NASA Information Technology (IT) system or application, is contingent upon compliance with NASA security and safety policies and guidelines including, but not limited to, standards on badging, credentials, and facility and IT system/application access, including use of Interconnection Security Agreements (ISAs), when applicable.

B. With respect to any export control requirements:

1. The Parties will comply with all U.S. export control laws and regulations, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 C.F.R. Parts 120 through 130, and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15 C.F.R. Parts 730 through 799, in performing work under this Agreement or any Annex to this Agreement. In the absence of available license exemptions or exceptions, the Partner shall be responsible for obtaining the appropriate licenses or other approvals, if required, for exports of hardware, technical data and software, or for the provision of technical assistance.
2. The Partner shall be responsible for obtaining export licenses, if required, before utilizing foreign persons in the performance of work under this Agreement or any Annex under this Agreement, including instances where the work is to be performed on-site at NASA and where the foreign person will have access to export-controlled technical data or software.
3. The Partner will be responsible for all regulatory record-keeping requirements associated with the use of licenses and license exemptions or exceptions.
4. The Partner will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Article apply to its Related Entities.

C. With respect to suspension and debarment requirements:

1. The Partner hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it has complied, and shall comply, with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 1880, Subpart C.
2. The Partner shall include language and requirements equivalent to those set forth in subparagraph C.1., above, in any lower-tier covered transaction entered into under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 16. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last signature below ("Effective Date") and shall remain in effect until the completion of all obligations of both Parties hereto, or two (2) years from the Effective Date, whichever comes first.

#### ARTICLE 17. RIGHT TO TERMINATE

Either Party may unilaterally terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other Party. In the event of such termination, Partner will be obligated to reimburse NASA for all costs for which the Partner was responsible and that have been incurred

in support of this Agreement up to the date the termination notice is received by NASA. Where Partner terminates this Agreement, Partner will also be responsible for termination costs.

#### ARTICLE 18. CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

The rights and obligations of the Parties as set forth in the provisions "Financial Obligations," "Liability and Risk of Loss," "Intellectual Property Rights - Data Rights," "Intellectual Property Rights - Invention and Patent Rights," "Disclaimer of Warranty," "Dispute Resolution," and "Applicable Law" shall survive such expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 19. POINTS OF CONTACT

The following personnel are designated as the Points of Contact between the Parties in the performance of this Agreement.

##### **Management Points of Contact**

NASA Langley Research Center  
David F. Moore  
Associate Director for Space Technology and  
Advanced Development Programs  
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Hampton, VA 23681  
Phone: 757-864-9169  
Email: [david.f.moore@nasa.gov](mailto:david.f.moore@nasa.gov)

Varda Space Industries  
Eric Lasker  
Head of Business Development and Federal  
Relations  
433 Alaska Avenue  
Torrance, CA 90503-3901  
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Email: [eric@varda.com](mailto:eric@varda.com)

##### **Technical Points of Contact**

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Hampton, VA 23681  
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Head of Thermal  
433 Alaska Avenue  
Torrance, CA 90503-3901  
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#### ARTICLE 20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise provided in the Article entitled "Priority of Use," the Article entitled "Intellectual Property Rights – Invention and Patent Rights" (for those activities governed by 37 C.F.R. Part 404), and those situations where a pre-existing statutory or regulatory system exists (e.g., under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552), all disputes concerning questions of fact or law arising under this Agreement shall be referred by the claimant in writing to the appropriate person identified in this Agreement as the "Points of Contact." The persons identified as the "Points of Contact" for NASA and the Partner will consult and attempt to resolve all issues arising from the implementation of this Agreement. If they are unable to come to agreement on any issue, the dispute will be referred to the signatories to this Agreement, or their designees, for joint resolution. If the Parties remain unable to resolve the dispute, then the NASA signatory or that person's designee, as applicable, will issue a written decision that will be

the final agency decision for the purpose of judicial review. Nothing in this Article limits or prevents either Party from pursuing any other right or remedy available by law upon the issuance of the final agency decision.

#### ARTICLE 21. MODIFICATIONS

Any modification to this Agreement shall be executed, in writing, and signed by an authorized representative of NASA and the Partner.

ARTICLE 22. ASSIGNMENT

Neither this Agreement nor any interest arising under it will be assigned by the Partner or NASA without the express written consent of the officials executing, or successors, or higher- level officials possessing original or delegated authority to execute this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23. APPLICABLE LAW

U.S. Federal law governs this Agreement for all purposes, including, but not limited to, determining the validity of the Agreement, the meaning of its provisions, and the rights, obligations and remedies of the Parties.

ARTICLE 24. INDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP

This Agreement is not intended to constitute, create, give effect to or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership, or formal business organization, or agency agreement of any kind, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be only those expressly set forth herein.

ARTICLE 25. LOAN OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The parties shall enter into a NASA Form 893, Loan of NASA Equipment, for NASA equipment loaned to Partner.

ARTICLE 26. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

The signatories to this Agreement covenant and warrant that they have authority to execute this Agreement. By signing below, the undersigned agrees to the above terms and conditions.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE  
ADMINISTRATION  
LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER

VARDA SPACE INDUSTRIES

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
David A. Dress  
Director, Space Technology and Exploration  
Directorate

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Lasker  
Head of Business Development and  
Federal Relations

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: August 10th 2021 \_\_\_\_\_